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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF "EARTH DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2024, IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Bennett,
Chippendale, Cortvriend, Knight, Ajello, and Boylan

Date Introduced: April 11, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, First held on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was created by Senator Gaylord
2 Nelson to bring national attention and support for environmental protection; and

3 WHEREAS, The very first Earth Day brought twenty million Americans from myriad
4 United States cities out to demonstrate. In 2023, one billion people in more than 193 countries
5 were involved in a wide range of activities coordinated globally; and

6 WHEREAS, This year marks the 54th Anniversary of Earth Day and is centered on the
7 theme “Planet vs. Plastics” with the intended purpose to rally the world to address the growing
8 environmental problems with plastic pollution, lobby for a 60 percent reduction in the production
9 of all plastics by 2040, and create a plastic-free future; and

10 WHEREAS, Earth Day has already had a significant and positive impact on our World
11 with 100s of millions of trees planted, educators teaching about environmental issues in 149
12 countries, 7 billion Green School Grants, 2.7 billion acts of green, 15 million cleanup volunteers,
13 and 50 million citizen data points; and

14 WHEREAS, Earth Day commands a collective voice from our world to encourage
15 governments, businesses and individuals “to acknowledge and rectify their roles in the
16 environmental crisis”; and

17 WHEREAS, Earth Day is an opportunity for “individuals from all backgrounds and
18 walks of life to unite in a global effort to advance sustainability and climate action”; now,
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 celebrates the 54th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2024, and calls upon all Rhode
3 Islanders to educate themselves on the environmental hazards facing the Earth and our future, and
4 become part of the solution; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lou Vergato, Interim Executive Director, the
7 Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, and Terrence Gray, Director, Rhode Island
8 Department of Environmental Management.

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